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SUBJ: SCC MEETING

SUMMARY: PROGRESS REGISTERED ON KADENA AMMO STORAGE AREA PROBLEM
JANAURY 24 AND 25 SEEMS TO US TO BRING SCC MEETING ON JANUARY
30 WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JANUARY 24 FONOFF PRESENTED TO POLMIL
COUNSELOR YAMANAKA'S FALL-BACK PROPOSAL FOR RELEASE OF MUCH
SMALLER AREA OF KADENA AMMO STORAGE AREA. WE ACCEPTED PROPOSAL
FOR URGENT STUDY BUT WITH EXPRESSION OF PESSIMISM THAT
ANYTHING COULD BE DONE IN TIME FOR ANY SCC MEETING ANYTIME SOON.
DURING EVENING JANUARY 24 YAMANAKA AGREED TO ALLOW EARLY SCC
MEETING TO BE SET EVEN WITHOUT USG AGREEMENT TO RELEASE OF
PORTION OF AMMO AREA IF SATISFACTORY WORDING FOR PRESS RELEASE
COULD BE WORKED OUT INDICATING THAT FUTURE RETURNS OF AMMO
AREA PARCELS WOULD BE SUBJECT OF URGENT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
USG AND GOJ.

2. ON JANUARY 25 COMUSJAPAN RECOMMENDED IN COMUSJAPAN 250248Z
TO CINCPAC THAT USG AGREE TO RELEASE 45 ACRES IN SOUTHERN
EXTREMITY OF AMMO AREA AS REQUESTED BY GOJ. IN CINCPAC'S
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260600Z CINCPAC CONCURRED IN COMUSJAPAN RECOMMENDATION

AND REQUESTED JCS APPROVAL. IF THAT APPROVAL FORTHCOMING,
KADENA AMMO AREA PROBLEM WILL BE RESOLVED.

3. IN MEANTIME, NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND FONOFF PRODUCED
LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN JOINT SCC PRESS RELEASE WHICH,
IF AGREEABLE TO BOTH SIDES, ALSO WOULD SOLVE PROBLEM.
PROPOSED LANGUAGE WOULD AVOID SINGLING OUT AMMO STORAGE
AREA BUT PROBABLY WOULD ASSIST YAMANAKA IN HIS DEALINGS
WITH KADENA-SON. PROVISION IN PRESS RELEASE WOULD BE ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES: QUOTE: BOTH JAPANESE AND U.S. SIDES WILL
CONTINUE TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATING TO KADENA-SON, TAKING
NOTE OF THE STRONG INTERESTS OF THE LOCAL INHABITANTS. UNQTE.
IN ADDITION, ATTACHMENT TO PRESS RELEASE, WHICH WOULD OUTLINE
OKINAWA BASE CONSOLIDATION PLAN, WOULD INCLUDE A CATEGORY EN-
TITLED QUOTE FACILITIES AND AREAS WHICH CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECTS
OF FURTHER DISCUSSION UNQUOTE. ENTRY NUMBER ELEVEN UNDER THAT
CATEGORY WOULD BE QUOTE A PORTION OF FACILITIES AND AREAS
WITHIN KADENA-SON UNQUOTE. IN EMBASSY VIEW, PRESS RELEASE
LANGUAGE OF THIS TYPE WOULD NOT RPT NOT ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO
EXISTING PRESSURES FOR LAND RELEASES WITHIN AMMO STORAGE AREA.
PROPOSED WORDING IS TENTATIVELY ACCEPTABLE TO COMUSJAPAN.
THEREFORE, EVEN IF WE CANNOT GO THROUGH WITH RELEASE OF 45
ACRE PARCEL, IT APPEARS THAT WE CAN DEVELOP AGREED LANGUAGE
FOR SCC PURPOSES TO CIRCUMVENT PROBLEM WITHOUT DESTROYING
OKINAWA BASE PACKAGE IN THE PROCESS.

4. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY TELEPHONE, GOJ NOW PROPOSES THAT
SCC MEETING BE PLANNED FOR JANUARY 30 IN AFTERNOON INSTEAD OF
JANUARY 29. REASON FOR CHANGE IS SHIFT IN DIET SCHEDULE
WHICH PREEMPTS ALL GOJ MINISTERS DURING JANUARY 29. SUBJECT TO
FINAL CONFIRMATION BY DIET STEERING COMMITTEE AT NOON JANUARY 26,
DIET BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL BE IN RECESS DURING AFTERNOON JANUARY
30, AND BOTH OHIRA AND YAMANAKA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SCC
MEETING THEN. EMBASSY NOW WORKING OUT SCHEDULES FOR SCC RELATED
EVENTS THAT WILL ALLOW CINCPAC AND WASHINGTON PARTICI-
PANTS TO LEAVE TOKYO LATER AFTERNOON JANUARY 30 IF THEY SO WISH.

5. COMPLETE TEXT PROPOSED JOINT PRESS RELEASE WILL BE TRANS-
MITTED BY SEPTTEL.

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